

The Peepal Tree Prayers



The Peepal tree has been worshipped since long in Hindu society. Generally women in every family have offered prayers to the Peepal tree due to its benevolent and blessing qualities. The Peepal tree also has many astrological connotations. The tree is closely linked with the planet Jupiter. Jupiter being the most rewarding planet in Vedic astrology, its presence is always regarded as both rewarding as well as graceful. Similarly, when Jupiter is afflicted in a horoscope, then a worship of the Peepal tree is recommended. This is one unique remedy that does not require a recommendation. Simple Peepal tree worship turns a strong Jupiter into an auspicious one and a weak Jupiter into a stronger one.

Ayurvedic Significance:- Ayurveda is the ancient medical practice of India. It is known to heal a vast majority of diseases. The Peepal is considered quite useful within the realms of Ayurveda. The bark of the Peepal tree yields tannin whereas its leaves, when heated, are quite useful in treating wounds. This does add to the importance of the tree, hence the worshipping.

The Peepal tree is Lord Vishnu's abode. The greatness of the worship of this tree lies in the fact that whosoever worships the Peepal tree, gets a reward equal to worshipping Lord Vishnu. Peepal tree worship alone has the tendency to overcome all planetary afflictions.

There are various ways to worship the Peepal tree. The simplest method is to offer jal (water) at its roots every morning. It is never advisable to offer jal during the afternoon or evening time. Another way is to light a ghee diya/lamp during evening time.

It is worth understanding that the peepal is scientifically a tree that breathes and lives like other plants and trees. Any worship associated with a living entity is far more rewarding and fruitful than worshipping idol(s). So, in a sense, worshipping the Peepal tree yields quicker and better results than any other form of worship.

Another interesting facet of the Peepal tree is that it grows wild. No one plants a Peepal tree. It is advisable that a Peepal tree should not be removed/cut unless absolutely necessary.

**Peepal tree worship is recommended for
all ascendants (Lagna) in one's birth chart.**

Jupiter's placement in the eighth house in one's chart is considered very awkward and it should be worshipped very uniquely to gain results. Natives with Jupiter placed in the eighth house should offer a mix of milk and water to a Peepal tree during evening.

Worshipping a Peepal tree is known to provide the following results:

- Stability in thoughts and actions
- Logical thinking
- Timely Marriage (removes obstacles in marriage)
- Child birth (as Jupiter is the significator for children)
- A religious/charitable bent in life
- Uninterrupted flow of income
- Multiple sources of income
- Propitiation of Lord Vishnu
- Grants wisdom with advancing age

Saturday worshipping:- One of the many kathas surrounding Peepal tree exhibits the importance of worshipping the tree on a Saturday. According to Brahma Purana; Ashvattha and Peepala were demons who possessed magical powers. They'd pursue people to touch the tree so as to kill them. But both of them were killed by Lord Shani which signifies the importance of Saturday.

Pray to the Peepal tree and Lord Vishnu that whatever your ancestors from the male and female lineage did sinful to please forgive them and release that burden on yourself and your family.. Offer one jeneo (Brahmin thread) to the Peepal tree and one to Lord Vishnu (this you do in your mind or you can take a small picture of Lord Vishnu to the temple). Then do 108 Parikrama's (circumambulation) of the Peepal tree, with each Parikrama offer a sweet to Peepal tree. While doing Parikrama continuously chant the mantra "OM NAMO BHAGAWATE VAASUDEWAAYA". After doing Parikrama again pray to Peepal tree and Lord Vishnu and seek forgiveness.

Also a white cotton string is wrapped around the tree as you walk 108 times.

Mother Lakshmi- Mother Lakshmi resides under the tree every Saturday. Therefore, women pray to this tree and wish to be granted with a child. Also a red thread or a red cloth is tied on its branches hoping to have their wishes granted.

Shree Hanumanji- Shree Hanuman used to sit upon this tree and witnessed the hardships faced by Mother Sita. Also, the Peepal tree used to provide shelter to Sita-devi and, therefore, the tree is considered to have a special place in the heart of Shree Hanumanji.

Brahma Purana- Lord Vishnu's appearance took place under a Peepal tree as well which makes it a symbol of Lord Vishnu. With such imperative role to render within Hinduism, Peepal trees are considered as a god-like figure.

The Trimurti coherence – Lord's Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva used to hold their councils under this tree. This has led to deeper faiths within the Peepal tree.

Ancestors- Hinduism teaches us to respect our ancestors (Pitar). And the ancestor's soul resides in this tree. This leads Hindus to respect and worship this tree throughout the year.

Apart from the various reasons, there are some scientific reasons as well. Let us have a look at them:

- **Largest Oxygen Provider-** Peepal is considered to be the largest oxygen provider, along with Neem and Tulsi. It is widely known at several places that these trees release oxygen even at night. They can uptake CO₂ during the night as well.
- **Kills Bacteria-** Researchers have also proved that the interacting flow of wind as well as the sound, with peepal leaves, kills infection bacteria slowly.
- **Cures Speech Irregularities-** If you lick honey placed on a peepal leaf, your speech irregularities will be cured.

There is a scientific reason behind every Hindu belief.

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